

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet comprising:  
a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels and an engagement portion proximate a base portion of ~~an adjacent one~~ a first channel of said pair of adjacent channels, said engagement portion extending obliquely from a first retainer portion of said first channel and transitioning into a second retainer portion of said first channel; and  
a casing, ~~one of said bottom mullion engagement portion and~~ said casing comprising a first retaining tongue and the other of said bottom mullion engagement portion and said casing comprising an engagement surface for being received between said tongue and an adjacent surface of said one of said bottom mullion engagement portion and said casing having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion.
2. (previously presented) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising a bottom rail, said bottom rail received in one of said channels of said bottom mullion.
3. (original) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1 further comprising at least one inner liner and foam insulation between said inner liner and said casing.
4. (previously presented) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 3, wherein said liner is received in one of said channels of said bottom mullion.
5. (currently amended) A refrigeration appliance cabinet in accordance with Claim 1, said casing further comprising a bottom panel, said bottom panel comprising a ~~retaining tongue~~ fastening projection, said bottom mullion comprising an extended flat portion for press fit engagement with said ~~tongue~~ fastening projection.
6. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels and an engagement portion, ~~one of said channels including a reinforcing section~~, said engagement portion extending ~~from said reinforcing section~~ obliquely from a first retainer portion partially defining a first channel of said adjacent channels and transitioning into a second retainer portion partially defining said first channel; and

a casing in press fit engagement with said bottom mullion engagement portion, said casing comprising a fastening projection having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim ~~[[7]]~~6 wherein said bottom mullion engagement portion comprises an engagement surface, said fastening projection engaging said engagement surface.

9. (original) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 8 wherein said fastening projection comprises a tongue that is separated from said engagement surface.

10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet comprising:

a casing;

an inner liner within said casing, said inner liner comprising at least one refrigeration compartment; and

a bottom mullion, said bottom mullion comprising a pair of adjacent channels, said bottom mullion configured to receive a portion of said inner liner, said casing configured to receive a portion of said bottom mullion with press fit engagement, a first channel of said pair of adjacent channels at least partially defined by an engagement portion extending obliquely

from a first retainer portion of said first channel and transitioning into a second retainer portion of said first channel, said casing comprising a tongue having an end portion received within said first channel and formed in a shape substantially complementary to a shape of said engagement portion.

12. (original) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with Claim 11 further comprising a lower rail, said bottom mullion configured to receive said lower rail.

13. (previously presented) A refrigerator in accordance with Claim 12, said bottom mullion comprising opposing side surfaces, one of said side surfaces comprising one of said adjacent channels for receiving said lower rail, the other of said side surfaces comprising the other of said adjacent channels for receiving said inner liner.

14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A refrigerator cabinet in accordance with ~~Claim 14~~ Claim 11, said bottom panel further comprising a clip, said tongue extending from said clip.

16-23. (canceled)